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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and  
WILLIE WILCOX, Revenue Officer,**

**Petitioners,**

**v.**

**HOWARD HINKLE,**

**Respondent.**

**NO. C-07-5270-WDB**

**DECLINATION TO PROCEED  
BEFORE A MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
AND  
REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT  
TO A UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT JUDGE**

**REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

The undersigned party in the above-captioned civil matter hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

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